

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 23, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

Rochelle Flynn
Shelley Brittingham
Paul Conrath
Dane Johnson

Randi Lacey
David Ketcherside
Dawn Elwell

Laurie Haslund
June Yormark
Carol Bobanick
Victoria Hall

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager
Al Parisi, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Minutes

Chair Randi Lacey called the meeting to order.

December minutes were approved.

Debbie introduced June Yormark and Dane Johnson as new Burien Arts Commissioners.

June has done a lot of art in her life. She has been a baker and pastry chef. She was very active in Burien Arts in 70's and one of first people to start Burien Strawberry Festival.

Dane is a founding member of Ignition, a local group which derives from Burning Man, a fire art spectacular which takes place every year in Utah in September. He is the operations manager of KUOW.

2007 Work Plan Considerations

Debbie presented the 2007 Work plan Considerations. Open for discussion...

Arts Education:

Victoria suggested incorporating Arts Education in all areas. Each project lead will make sure that arts education is included in their area. The project lead will be a liaison in guiding the kinds of arts education that the Arts Commission recommends. This is first year for this idea therefore we understand that there will not same intensity in arts education for every event and it is good place to start. A suggestion is to bring in someone from Highline High School to represent education on the Arts Commission. We have been trying to bring art to schools and it

has been frustrating. The recommendation is to refocus energies to bring art to venues versus bringing art to schools. Debbie suggested talking to Lisa Bade from Highline High School. Dane asked about the history of Arts Education in Burien. Debbie talked about the history of Arts Corps and how they are looking for the schools to take a lead on securing Arts Corps programs. Another idea for education through the arts is that teens could be trained to be docents.

Downtown Art Walk:

See adopted work plan

Public Art:

We will be getting conceptual designs from artists. We are looking for commissioners who will advise.

Strawberry Festival Juried Art Components:

Burien Arts Association is not in the position to produce the Juried Arts Show at the Strawberry Festival. Paul hoped that Arts Commission would produce juried arts show. Ideas were generated with Paul for a visual arts show at the festival.

A meeting will convene to brainstorm and decide which visual art components would be fun to do at the Strawberry Festival. The meeting will include Lisa , Denise, Gina, John, Victoria, Paul and Al.

The City of Burien will be lead for the visual arts project. The Burien Arts Gallery is a possibility for show. One idea is to have the 3 public artists from Town Square project show their work at the gallery during the festival. The meeting will be at Lisa Bades classroom. This meeting will flush out what we can do. Victoria will be there from Arts Commission.

Explore Literary Arts:

This idea was launched by Rochelle in the Fall of 2006.
See attached work plan.

Strawberry Festival:

See attached work plan.

Concert Series

See attached work plan.

South King County Cultural Coalition and 4 Culture:

Site specific menu will be available soon. Hopefully artists will be available from this program for our summer events. Rochelle wants to help pick the site specific acts.

Arts and culture funding:

See work plan.

Arts Summit:

The Summit will bring arts organizations together in Burien. Gathering to educate, review short term, long term, common denominators, such as sharing joint office space and ticketing systems. 75% of preliminary interviews with the non profit groups are complete.

Celebrating Burien's Cultural Diversity:

Cultural diversity should be incorporated into everything that we produce. Shelly is interested in this special project. Debbie said that she would check into joining National League of Cities and Partnership Inclusive Communities.

Motion to approve work plan as submitted.

Submitted work plan approved

Other:

Arts and Culture Granting

Commissioners should adopt a motion that Arts and culture should be increased to an increased dollar amount in 2008. The Burien Arts Commission should forward a letter to the Mayor with a recommendation. The grant has been at \$15,000 for 6-7 years and is split between 6-7 organizations. There has been an increase in new organizations applying, the grant recipients are never fully funded, and always under funded. The Arts Commission needs to quantify how much money has been asked for in the past. In order to grow the arts in Burien, more money needs to be available. Debbie will send out the dollar amounts of what has been requested for last 5 years. Dane suggested that we look at where we want to be in available granting dollars in 2010. The question is what is our ultimate goal for available funds for arts and culture granting by the City of Burien? It is important to have Arts Commission members as well as applicants be at the city council meeting when they vote.

Staff Report:

Carol Bobanick is leaving the Burien Arts Commission. The new commissioner directory has been given out.

Elections for chair and vice chair will take place at next meeting.

Randi and Al attended South King County Cultural Coalition meeting. The group is looking at how to cross promote our programs.

A Day to Lobby for the Arts will be held in Olympia on February 15th in Olympia.

Al is currently putting together event sponsorship packages.

Announcements:

Denise Henrickson from ReUse Resources is having an open house at Old Sunnydale School space. The non profit recycles and provides art supplies for teachers. Art workshops are provided on Tuesdays.

Rochelle announced the Empty Bowl event as well as the open of THUGS by Burien Little Theater. THUGS will run from February 16 through March 11.

Meeting was adjourned

Minutes prepared by Al Parisi